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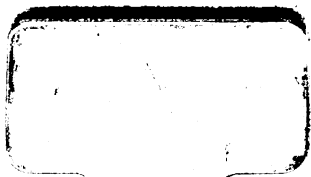
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MECHI'S

CATALOGUE

OF
Cutlery, &c.

Inventor of
the
**MAGIC STROP
&
PASTE.**

**Nº 4,
Leadenhall Street,
LONDON.**

**Fourth House from Grace-
church Street.**

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WHOLESALE, RETAIL, AND FOR EXPORTATION, BY

MECHI,

No. 4, LEADENHALL STREET

(Fourth House from Cornhill, same side as the India House),

LONDON.

Table Cutlery and General Cutlery	Writing-cases
Dish-covers	Pocket-books
Tea-Trays in Iron and Paper	Card-cases
Tea-Caddies	Tablets
Every variety of <i>Real Sheffield</i> Plated Goods	Workboxes
<i>British Plate</i> , or German Silver, Forks, Spoons, &c., plated on Steel Goods, Dessert-knives, &c.	Writing-desks
<i>Albion Plate</i> —Tea and Coffee-pots, Candelsticks, &c.; being a superior description of Britannia Metal goods.	Bagatelle-tables
Plate-leathers, Plate-powder, and Plate-brushes	Backgammon & Chess-boards
Canteens for large or small parties	Chess and Draftsmen
Ladies' & Gentlemen's Wood and Leather Dressing-cases	Hair, Cloth, Tooth, Nail, Hat, and Shaving-brushes
	Combs
	Hones
	Boot-Jacks
	Razors
	Strops
	Paste
	Shaving-Powder
	Naples Soap
	&c. &c. &c.

Any Article made to order at a short notice, without additional charge, as **MECHI** manufactures nearly every article he sells, in

LEADENHALL SKIN MARKET.

MECHI'S ADDRESS

TO HIS

CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC.

IN returning his grateful thanks to his Customers and the Public for their extensive and increasing patronage, with which he has been favoured since his establishment in 1827, he cannot but feel with honest pride that it is the reward of an enlightened community and public to his spirited exertions as an individual, in breaking through a monopoly, injurious alike to the workmen and the public, and establishing in its stead an upright and liberal system of trade adapted to the times; regardless, in so doing, of having raised against himself a host of inveterate enemies in the trade, who, anxious to preserve war profits in peaceable times, in opposition to right and reason, have limited the labour of the workman by diminishing the demand of the consumer.

To those unacquainted with Mechi's system of doing business, he begs to explain it as follows:

- 1st. *To sell only the very best articles, at a small profit, for ready money.*
- 2d. *To exchange or return the money for any article found defective, without any reserve or mean objection.*
- 3d. *By punctuality, by civility, and vigilant attention to the wants of his customers, to endeavour to identify their interest with his own, and thereby merit and increase the extensive trade, patronage, and confidence with which he has already been honoured.*

In alluding to the leading articles in his extensive stock, he would particularly request attention to—

- 1st. His good Penknives at One Shilling each, and Scissors, Two Shillings per pair, which, in quality of the steel, are quite equal to those of the most expensive kind.

	s.	d.
2d. His celebrated Pair of Razors	7	0
Ditto, Ivory handled ditto	10	0
His Magic Razor Strop	5	0
His Magic Strop Paste	1	0

Those gentlemen who find shaving a painful operation are particularly referred to Mechi's celebrated Remarks on Shaving, &c., at pages 16, 17, and 18; and also please to observe, that the Magic Paste and Magic Strop are vended by 5,000 Perfumers, Stationers, and Druggists throughout the country.

Generally speaking, the London cutlers (and some of the country ones too) decline vending those articles from motives of jealousy. Indeed, some of the most illiberal make a practice of abusing Mechi and his manufactures, whenever they have an opportunity of doing so, in no measured terms, for—

getting that their customers have not the same interest as themselves in believing what they say.

Any gentleman, however, requiring a Strop, Razors, or the Magic Paste, has only to give the order to his Stationer, Perfumer, or Druggist, in any part of the United Kingdom, and he may have them *as cheap as if purchased at Mechi's warehouse*, because he allows the trade a liberal profit, and the latter can readily procure them through their London wholesale house, at a very short notice.

3d. His extensive stock of *Table Cutlery*, as per List at page 8. Leading articles—fine Balanced Ivory-handled Table Knives and Forks, at £3. 10s. the complete set of Fifty Pieces (say Twelve each large and small Knives and Forks, and One pair of Meat Carvers). Neat Black-handled Knives and Forks £1. 5s. the set of Fifty Pieces.

4th. His splendid assortment of *Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing-cases* (see pages 10 and 11), and an immense variety of *Work-boxes, Rosewood and Mahogany Writing desks, Liquor-boxes, Card-cases, &c.*, as per subsequent particulars.

5th. Every pattern in *Leather, Dressing, and Writing-cases, Portfolios, Portable Pocket Dressing-cases, &c.*, from the smallest to the largest.

6th. His celebrated Cushioned Bagatelle-tables (affording constant employment to several workmen in his factory). Prices at page 12.

7th. His general assortment of articles necessary for the table, such as real Sheffield Plated Goods and British Plate, or German Silver Articles, of every description; including, Dish-covers, Teapots, Bread-baskets, Coffee-pots, Forks, Spoons, Dessert-knives in cases, Tea-trays, Waiters, Cork-screws, Snuffers, Candlesticks, &c. Prices at page 5.

8th. His renowned Patent Castellated Tooth-brushes, at 9d. each, either with real silver wire or solid backs, finished in a manner superior to those usually sold at 1s. Also his general stock of Hair, Clothes, and Hat Brushes, Soap, and every thing requisite for the Dressing-table.

New Married Couples, Families, Captains, Military, and Nautical Gentlemen, proceeding to India or the Colonies, will find Mechi's a very Emporium, in which they can instantly procure almost every article (except clothing and furniture) that a protracted absence from their native country renders necessary.

WARRANTED CUTLERY.

Table, Dessert, & Carving Knives & Forks

As per List of Prices at pages 8 and 9

MECHI'S PECULIAR STEEL RAZORS.

Plain and Black Handles	..	each	£0	3	6	
Ivory Superfine	..	..	..	0	5	0
Ditto Silver Mounted	..	..	..	0	9	0
Seven-day Razors, in Cases	£1. 5s. to	2	10	0		

The character of Mechi's Razors being (during the last six years) so well established, it may be merely necessary to remark, that every razor is stamped "*Exchanged, if not approved,*" with the addition of "*Mechi's Peculiar Steel;*" and it is most particularly requested that no gentleman who has a defective Razor of Mechi's will hesitate to return it *at any period of time*; for the loss of recommendation from such a cause is of infinitely greater importance than the value of a Razor.

MECHI'S MAGIC RAZOR STROPS,

The largest, best, cheapest, and most finished ever yet presented to the public. Sold by nearly all Stationers, Perfumers, and Druggists throughout the kingdom.

Small size, for Pouches & Dressing-cases, 2s, 2s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d.

Large size, best, 5s, 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 8s 6d, 12s, and 15s.

The sizes most recommended are the double handle at 6s. 6d., and the single handle at 5s. and 8s. 6d.; because they are larger, and the larger the Strop the more readily is the Razor sharpened.

N.B. Most of the London Cutlers and Dressing-case Makers (from jealous motives) decline vending Mechi's Strops & Paste.

WARRANTED PENKNIVES.

Desk, 1-Blade, Cocoa Handle	..	..	..	£0	1	
Ditto, 1 " Bone	"	..	..	0	1	6
Ditto, 1 " Ivory	..	..	1s. 6d. to	0	4	0
Elegant Pearl-Handle	..	..	5s. to	1	0	0
Pocket, 1 Pen Blade, Cocoa Handle	..	..	..	0	1	0
2 Ditto	..	..	..	0	1	6
2 Ditto, Wharnclyffe	..	..	..	0	2	6
3 Ditto ditto	..	..	..	0	3	6
4 Ditto	..	..	..	0	3	6
Ivory, Pearl, and Tortoiseshell, with 1 Blade up to						
16, at all prices from 1s. to				1	0	0
Pruning Knives	..	..	1s., 1s. 6d. to	0	3	6
Sporting ditto	..	..	3s. 6d. to	2	10	0
Sailors' ditto	..	..	9d. to	0	2	6
Scissor ditto	..	..	2s. 6d. to	0	5	0
Erasing ditto	..	..	1s. to	0	2	6
Conveyancing ditto	..	..	1s. to	0	5	0

Above form an immense variety of splendid patterns, suited to the economical or expensive.

The Blades of the Shilling Penknives are as good as those more expensively mounted. Any defective will be with pleasure exchanged, Mechi's object being in this, as in all other things, to give perfect satisfaction.

SPLENDID REAL SHEFFIELD PLATE,

Warranted to wear from Nine to Fifteen Years, according to the care taken, the edges and ornamental work being all made of solid silver, and finished by first-rate workmen. The Patterns comprise all that is most fashionable in silver, and will well repay the trouble of inspection, with an immense variety to choose from.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Splendid Tea-urn, silver mountings ..	—	14 2 0
Ditto ditto	—	12 8 0
Ditto Coffeepots	3 4 0 to	5 0 0
Ditto Teapots	2 9 6 to	5 0 0
Ditto Sugar-bason	2 0 0 to	2 17 0
Ditto Cream-ewer	1 11 0 to	2 8 0
Ditto Liqueur-frames, with three rich cut bottles	3 0 0 to	5 5 0
Cruet-frames, with six to eight bottles ..	3 0 0 to	5 0 0
Ditto Waiters, richly chased & embossed	2 5 0 to	9 0 0
Ditto Table-candlesticks, per pair ..	0 19 0 to	3 5 0
Ditto Chamber-candlesticks, per pair ..	1 17 0 to	2 5 0
Ditto Butter-coolers	2 7 0 to	2 10 0
Ditto Bread-baskets	3 16 0 to	5 6 0
Ditto Egg-frames	2 1 6 to	4 15 0
Candlesticks, with branches, per pair ..	—	10 0 0
Ditto, with shades, for the East and West Indies, per pair	3 0 0 to	3 12 0
A set of four full-size Hash-dishes and Covers, with solid silver edges and handles; the handles made to take off, so that the Covers may form an extra dish, at various prices according to pattern		
Splendid Hollyhock & Acanthus Leaves, perfectly novel, for dessert, fruit, &c.	2 10 0 to	3 0 0
Snuffer-trays	0 9 6 to	0 18 0
Snuffers	0 7 6 to	1 0 0
Toast-racks	1 1 0 to	1 10 0
Asparagus-tongs	1 1 0 to	1 5 0
Grape-scissors	0 9 0 to	0 15 0
Vegetable-forks	—	0 12 0
Nutcracks	0 4 0 to	0 10 6
Knife-rests, per pair	0 4 0 to	0 6 6
Decanter-labels, each	0 1 6 to	0 2 6
Cheese-plates	0 5 0 to	0 10 0

				£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Fish-slices	0 13 0	0 9 16	0 and 0 16 0		
Butter knives .. ..	.. ..	—	0 4 6		
Engraved Bottle-corks .. ..	.. ..	—	0 1 6		
Plated Skewers, per inch .. ..	.. ..	—	0 0 4		
Plated on Steel Table-forks, per dozen		—	2 0 0		
Ditto Dessert-forks ditto ..		—	1 10 0		
Ditto Tablespoons ditto ..		—	2 0 0		
Ditto Dessertspoons ditto ..		—	0 10 0		
Ditto Teaspoons ditto ..		—	0 16 0		

Plated on Steel Knives, with Ivory and Pearl Handles.

Twelve Plain Ivory Knives and Twelve Forks ..	3 10 0
Twelve Carved ditto	4 4 0
Elegant Mahogany Cases, containing twelve and eighteen pair each of various novel and elegant patterns, in ivory, pearl and silver handles £5.12s.	7 10 0 to 11 10 0

BRITISH PLATE, or GERMAN SILVER.

AN EXCELLENT SUBSTITUTE FOR REAL SILVER.

The most effective imitation is in the Spoons and Forks, that have a body of *real silver plated over the British Plate*. So accurate and durable are these, that I am convinced twenty years' wear would not show that they were not real silver, and they do not cost one quarter the price of silver; the fact is, the *interest* of money that would be paid for real Silver will buy these things oftener than they are wanted.

Prices of British Plate covered with real silver.

					£.	s.	d.
Tablespoons	..	..	..	per doz.	3	5	0
Dessertspoons	..	..	..	"	2	7	0
Teaspoons	..	..	..	"	1	8	0
Table-forks	..	..	..	"	2	0	0
Dessert-forks	..	..	..	"	2	5	0
Sugar tongs	..	..	..	per pair	0	5	0
Sauce-ladles	..	..	..	each	0	6	0
Gravy-spoons	..	..	..	"	0	10	0
Soup-ladles	..	..	..	"	0	18	0
Fish knives	..	..	..	"	1	0	0

Prices of the British Plate, or German Silver.

The quality of these goods are warranted; and bear so much resemblance to silver as to deceive many, being in fact of the same finish.

A gentleman wishing to try them may have their

The fact is, that some discredit has been attached to the German Silver goods, owing to unprincipled vendors having imposed on the public base compositions, in lieu of the genuine admixture of nickel, the whole affair being (like real Sheffield Plate) entirely a matter of confidence.

				£.	s.	d.
Tablespoons	..	..	per doz.	1	16	0
Dessertspoons	..	..	"	1	6	0
Teaspoons	..	..	"	0	14	0
Table-forks	..	..	"	1	13	0
Dessert-forks	..	..	"	1	4	0
Gravy-spoons	..	..	each	0	6	0
Sauce-ladles	..	..	"	0	3	6
Soup-ladles	..	..	"	0	10	6

Japaned Paper Tea-trays.

Also Iron ones in great variety, of warranted quality, and very cheap. Price from 7s. to 45. each.

SCISSORS.

				s.	d.	s.	d.
Cutting Out	..	..	..	1	0	to	5 0
Fine and Lace	..	..	..	2	0	to	15 0
Nail Scissors	..	..	..	1	0	to	10 0
Hair ditto	..	..	..	1	0	to	5 6
Paper ditto (or Check)	..	..	..	2	0	to	5 0
Tailors' ditto	..	..	..	2	0	to	5 0
Trimming ditto (for Horses)	..	..	..	2	0	to	5 0

A variety of Patent & Common Corkscrews,
Manufactured of a superior quality, and on the true principles
of easy cork-drawing, at all prices, from 1s. to 21s.

*N.B. Old Patent Corkscrews fitted with New Screws, at
1s. 9d. each.*

PATENT KEY RINGS, 6d. to 1s. 6d.

ENGRAVING NAME AND ADDRESS ON DITTO, 1s. 2d.

INSTRUMENTS.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Folding Boot-hooks	..	..	..	0	3	6	to	0	10 6
Chamber ditto	..	..	..	0	3	6	to	0	12 6
Plated and steel-tweezers	..	..	..	0	0	6	to	0	2 6
Nail and Corn-files	..	..	..	0	1	0	to	0	6 6
Tongue-scrapers	..	..	..	0	1	0	to	0	2 6
Piercers	..	..	..	0	0	9	to	0	4 0
Bodkins, Silver and Steel	..	..	..	0	0	9	to	0	1 0
Steel-pen Files	..	..	..	0	0	9	to	0	1 0
Nail-nippers..	..	..	..	0	3	6	to	0	0

MECHIS LIST OF PRICES

OF HIS CELEBRATED

"PECULIAR STEEL" TABLE CUTLERY.

Shopkeepers, Merchants, Captains, Traders, Coffee-House Keepers, Families, New-married Couples, and others, who require supplies of TABLE CUTLERY, and are desirous of saving their money as well as *having what can be depended upon*, will find the undermentioned Prices cheaper than at any Wholesale Warehouse in London, or even in Sheffield. A Stock of £1000 worth to choose from.

Any Article defective will be with pleasure Exchanged. Ready Money, Small Profits, and Good Articles, is Mechis's System. Goods delivered free of Expense in all parts of London and its Vicinity, or forwarded to the Country on receipt of a remittance, or reference, post paid.

IN IVORY HANDLES.

B. I.	Full-size Octagon balanced Ivory	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	The complete Set of 50 Pieces.
869	Balanced elegant full size and superfine Ivory	1 16 0	1 7 0	0 7 0	3 10 0
114	Neat Ivory Handle, not balanced	2 6 0	1 15 0	0 9 0	4 10 0
		1 12 0	1 4 6	0 6 6	3 3 0

WHITE BONE HANDLES.

183	Balance Octagon White Bone	1 1 0	0 16 6	0 4 6	2 2 0
184	Octagon White Bone, not balanced	0 17 0	0 16 0	0 4 0	1 16 0

REAL STAG AND BUCK HORN.

222	Real Stag Horn	1 3 0	1 9 0	0 5 6	2 8 6
407	Real Buck Horn	0 16 0	0 13 6	0 4 6	1 14 6
97	Variegated Horn, balanced	1 8 0	1 5 0	0 6 0	2 19 0

Those who require Knives without Forks, will please to observe they are two-thirds the price of the Knives and Forks, that is, double the price of the Forks. Poultry Carvers same price as Meat Carvers.

BLACK HORN HANDLES.

B.B. | Handsome Octagon, Black Horn, balanced ..	1	1	0	0	16	6	0	4	6	2	2	0
91 | Ditto .. not balanced	0	16	6	0	14	6	0	3	6	1	14	6
37 | Excellent and neat black handle, one pln ..	0	12	0	0	10	0	0	3	9	1	5	0

PATENT KNIFE SHARPENERS.

An immense variety, on the most approved principles, at 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d.; and in ivory handles, at 5s. 6d. each, either two rollers or cross barred. Also table steels of a new and very powerful description, at 4s. and 5s. 6d. each. Round of Beef, Ham, and other Slicing and Carving Knives.—Butchers' Knives, Cooks' Knives, Poultryers' Knives.

OLD TABLE CUTLERY GROUND, REPAIRED, AND THE HANDLES CLEANED.

Cases of Knives for Exportation.

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An extensive Assortment of Patent, Plated, and Common Snuffers,

Finished by very superior workmen, and combining all the newest and best established principles of action, at various prices, from 1s. to 15s. per pair.

N.B Old ones re-polished and thoroughly repaired.

PLATED ARTICLES.

Plate Leathers, Plate Powder, Table and Plate Brushes.

VERY SUPERIOR SKAITS,

Either with or without Straps, on the most improved principles, and warranted of Mechi's Peculiar Steel.

Also the PATENT SKAITS.

THE MECHIAN DRESSING CASES.

A splendid assortment for Ladies and Gentlemen, elegantly and strongly finished, in Mahogany, Rosewood, Coromandel wood, &c. Brass bound, or inlaid with Pearl.

N.B. Old ones repaired and re-polished.

It has ever been a general complaint that, owing to the inexperience of Dressing-case Makers in the manufacture of Cutlery, the instruments in dressing-cases (particularly Razors) are mostly of an inferior quality, and totally unfit for use. The well-established character of Mechi's Razors, Penknives, Scissors, &c. will be a sufficient guarantee against the possibility of this being the case with those Dressing-cases manufactured by him.

PRICES.—Ladies' Dressing-cases, £2 2s. to 30 Guineas.

Gentlemen's ditto.....ditto.....upwards to £50.

They are of the most complete description, fitted with Looking-glass, Jewel-drawers, and all other necessary articles, as particularized at foot. Besides being considerably cheaper than at any other shop, where credit and ready money business are so injudiciously mixed, the workmanship and quality of the wood are of such a seasoned description, that there is no fear of their being injured by exposure to a warm sun or a hot climate. The highest Cases are mounted in solid silver, and fitted with solid ivory brushes, and other costly articles.

Morocco and Russia Leather Dressing and Writing Cases, for Travellers, &c.

Either unfurnished (Gentlemen finding their own Instruments), or fitted up with all or any of the following articles, viz. :

Hat, Hair, Clothes, Tooth, Nail, Comb, and Shaving-brushes ; Dressing and Small-tooth Combs ; Looking-glass ; Bottles, &c. for Tooth-powder, Bear's-grease, Oils, Lavender-water, Lip-salve, Washing and Shaving-soap, and the following

INSTRUMENTS,

Mechi's best Razors, Hair and Nail-scissors, Penknives, Boot-hooks, Corkscrews, Tweezers, Nail and Corn-files, Button-hooks, Piercers, Punches, Pencil Toothpick, Pen-holder, &c.

The patterns are so various, that it would be impossible to describe each separately ; some roll up, others pull off, some are small in compass, for the pocket or travelling bag, and some without the Hair or Clothes-brushes ; others, on a larger

scale, are more complete. The prices begin 20s., 25s., 32s., 40s., 50s., 60s., 70s., 80s., 95s., and go upwards to £15; therefore, gentlemen abroad, or in the country, who wish their friends to purchase for them, should state the price they wish to go to, and, particularly, whether the Hat, Hair, or Clothes-brushes are required, because these very much increase the size and cost of the Cases—and it may be well to mention also, which of the above-named instruments are required.

The Dressing-cases at £4. 6s. are very complete, and generally approved for their convenient arrangement.

WRITING CASES, IN EVERY VARIETY OF PATTERN.

Plain Roan or Mock Russia Cases, with	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Inkstand and Plain Locks ..	0 15 0	to 1 15 0
Ditto in Russia Leather, with Bramah's		
Patent Locks ..	2 0 0	to 5 0 0
Turkey Morocco ditto ..	2 0 0	to 5 0 0
Some of the above are made to combine Dressing Apparatus, which, of course, enhances the price, according to the number of instruments.		
Blotting-books (Paper Cases) Plain; Em-	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
bossed, and with Locks ..	0 3 6	to 0 10 6
Pocket-books ..	0 1 6	— 0 3 6
Note-cases ..	0 1 6	— 0 3 6
Brush-cases, furnished or unfurnished		
Blackening-bottle Cases, various prices, complete, with Pewter Blackening-bottles, and Shoe-brushes for travelling		
Mechi's Box Razor-strop, containing a		
Pair of best Razors ..		— 1 0 0

RAZOR AND PENKNIFE HONES.

A great variety from 1s. to 10s. 6d., comprising some beautiful specimens of Old Rock and German Hones. Some elegantly mounted in Rosewood and Satinwood-cases. It may be inferred from Mechi's extensive practice in Razor and Penknife Setting, that he will be able and willing to give his customers the best Hones.

Solid Mahogany and Rosewood Portable Writing Desks.

The prices vary from 12s. to £10.

Secrets and other Drawers in some of the above; others elegantly inlaid with Pearl, and suitable for presents to La-

dies. The quality of the above, in regard to wood and workmanship, may be relied on.

Some of the Desks have Drawers fitted up as Work-boxes, others as Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.

WORK BOXES.

A great variety in Rosewood, Mahogany, and Leather, plain and inlaid with Brass, Pearl, and Ivory.

					£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Small sizes	..	..	..	..	0 8 0	to 0 14 0
Larger	..	..	..	..	0 15 0	— 1 5 0
Ornamented	..	..	..	..	1 10 0	— 6 0 0

They are all warranted to stand well; the style of lining is tasteful, and the Instruments of warranted quality. The linings are various, such as Blue, Amber, Crimson, &c.

N.B. Old ones re-lined, re-fitted, and polished.

TEA CADDIES.

£. s. d.

Small, without Basin	..	..	..	..	0 9 0
Ditto	..	..	..	10s. 6d.	to 1 6 0
With Basin	..	..	..	..	0 18 0
Ditto	..	..	..	..	1 1 0
Ditto	..	..	..	..	1 10 0
Elegant Patterns	..	..	..	..	2 5 0
Ditto	..	..	..	..	2 15 0
Beautiful inlaid and modern patterns	..	..	..	£4	to 4 10 0

The Basins richly cut and the work durable.

CARD BOXES,

IN ROSEWOOD, PLAIN AND INLAID,

To hold four and six Packs, with Cribbage-boards, 12s. to £2.

INKSTANDS.

Common	..	..	..	1s. 0d.	to 2s. 6d.
Patent Screw	..	..	..	2s. 6d.	— 10s. 6d.
Mahogany, Rosewood, Ebony, and Bronze Table-inkstands, from 10s. 6d. to £5. 5s.					

INTERESTING AMUSEMENT,

BAGATELLE versus BILLIARDS.

Mechi invites attention to his celebrated BAGATELLE TABLES, which, from the accuracy of their finish, and being cushioned in a most superior manner, render the game capable of such nice calculations as to come into competition with Billiards. They are made on the most durable style of solid

well-seasoned Mahogany; they are complete with superior Cue, Mace, Bridge, and Nine Balls, for playing the four games, and are accompanied with Mechi's directions, printed on card-paper. The following prices will be found at least 25 per cent. cheaper than elsewhere, and to save trouble, they are for ready cash, without any abatement.

The Board should always be accompanied by one of Mechi's Mahogany-stands, with screw legs, so as to adjust the Boards to a perfect level, let the floor be ever so uneven.

10-feet long, by 3-ft. 0-in. wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Balls £10 0 0

9-feet long, by 2-ft. 8-in. wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Balls 9 0 0

8-feet long, by 2-ft. 4-in. wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Balls 6 10 0

Small Sizes in proportion.

These are for Public Rooms, Cigar Divans, &c.

The price of the Stands varies from £2. to £3.

FOLDING-BOARDS (for Family use), richly French Polished.

8-feet long, by 2-feet wide .. £3 10 0

7-feet long, by 20-inches wide .. 4 10 0

6-feet long, by 18-inches wide .. 3 10 0

Country orders (with a remittance) punctually attended to. Billiard-tables made to order; old Billiard-tables and Bagatelle-tables re-cushioned and properly repaired. New Cues, Maces, Balls, and Spirit Levels.

BACKGAMMON BOARDS

COMPLETE, WITH DRAFTSMEN, AND BOXES.

FLAT DRAFT AND CHESS BOARDS.

CRIBBAGE BOARDS, 5s. to 15s.

A great variety of Ivory, Bone, and Wood Chessmen, plain or richly carved, at all prices, from 5s. to £8. 8s.

MECHI'S-PATENT PEN-MAKING MACHINE

That make a Perfect Pen (slit and all) at one pressure of the thumb, price only 10s. 6d. to 12s. 6d., usually sold at £1.

MORDAN'S EVER-POINTED PENCILS AND LEADS.

PERRY'S AND OTHER PENS.

Sporting and Travelling Drinking Horns and Case-Bottles from 3s. to 25s. in great variety.

NEEDLES,

Of the best quality that can be produced, with Drilled, Gold, and Silver Eyes, warranted of well-tempered Steel. Ladies and Gentlemen connected with France (where the Needles are much esteemed) will do well to try *Mechi's*, price 6d. per Packet of 25.

Portable Looking and Shaving Glasses,

Plain or tastefully fitted in Rosewood, polished, 3s. up to 15s. They are made on a principle entirely different and superior to the old system.

SMALL POCKET AND MOUTH GLASSES,

Which, by being placed in the mouth, reflect in another mirror any defects in the Teeth, which could not otherwise be discerned.

SILVER GUARDS AND SILVER THIMBLES. IVORY AND TORTOISESHELL WORK.

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MECHI'S REMARKS ON SHAVING.

Most gentlemen who travel (particularly in foreign parts) are desirous to be as little encumbered as possible.

The Soap Dish is a nuisance, and generally renders a Dressing Case inconveniently large. This may be easily dispensed with (and advantageously too) by first wetting the beard with the shaving-brush, then rubbing a cake of soap over it, and afterwards, by means of the brush and a little more water, raising a lather which, in efficacy and facility of shaving, will far surpass all others.

A small piece of Naples Soap, the size of a pea, spread on the chin will, with the assistance of the brush and a little water, produce a similar result.

Indeed, to all shavers, I recommend this, whether travelling or not, as the best means of easy shaving; for how frequently is time wasted in raising a lather in the *dish* (where it is not wanted) in lieu of doing it *on the face*, where a good deal of friction and soap is *indispensably necessary*.

One trial alone of the above plan will bring conviction to the most strenuous advocate of the *dish* system.

It may be well to remark, that to avoid having the lather thick or thin *in the extreme*, I dip my brush in water, giving it a gentle shake, which throws off the superfluity, and leaves enough to raise the soap on the face to a consistent lather.

Where the soap is glutinous, the surface of beard extensive, or the brush small, a second or even a third recourse to the basin may be necessary during the process. The cake of soap quickly rubs away on the face, the beard acting as a file.

I think I may remark that, generally speaking, there is *no much* rubbing in the dish, and *too little* on the face.

A GOLDEN RULE IN SHAVING.

Always rub your beard well with your naked hand, soap, and water, *before you lather*. The Spanish barbers, who are allowed to be artists in easy shaving, *invariably* do this, so do the East Indian barbers. The result is, you soften your beard, save your skin from irritation, and prevent injury to the Razor; for remember, it is much easier to cut a soaked bristle than a dry harsh one.

If you will not take the trouble of doing this, you will find your Razor *hang* against the beard, and drag (not a pleasant sensation, although a very common one). Always dip your Razor *after shaving* to prevent rust on the edge;

taking care to press most on the back. Fresh Paste should be applied once a month.

In turning the Razor in stropping, be sure to keep the back down on the Strop, changing at the same time the position of your hand and arm, both of which must act freely as high as the elbow. A cramped hand does not answer for stropping a Razor properly: a light, free, brisk action far surpasses a dull heavy stroke.

When the Strop becomes notched or uneven, it is no longer fit for use. In fact, so easily are the Teeth of a good Razor disturbed, that *only once* stropping it on an improper composition will destroy its fine edge and make it painful to shave with. If you shave from heel to point of the Razor, strop it from point to heel; but if you begin with the point, then strop from heel to point. Those who have not one of MECH'S MAGIC STROPS, will do well before shaving to strop the Razor on the fleshy part of the hand, and then upon a small piece of dry clean wash leather (plate-leather).

A Razor that is badly tempered, can never maintain its fine edge even during one shaving. The practice of pressing on the edge of a Razor in stropping, generally rounds it; it should be directed to the back, which must never be raised from the Strop. It would be better not to strop your Razor at all, than to do so hastily or carelessly; when the Razor is once in good condition a few strokes on the Strop will keep it so, with a stiff beard, but for a light and tender face, stropping once or twice a week is sufficient; but the hand or wash-leather should be used every day. If you *only once* put away your Razor without stropping, you must no longer expect to shave well, the soap and damp so soon rust the fine teeth. A piece of plate-leather should be always kept with the Razors.

The operation of shaving is in effect precisely that of mowing. We may compare the stiff beard to coarse grass, and the Razor to the scythe. The mower would cut but little did he not, frequently by using the stone, renovate the edge of the instrument: the same remark applies to the shaver. Experience convinces me, however, that many have never drawn the comparison, or they would not continue to labour away for years on an old disfigured Strop, from which every particle of composition must have long since been worn off, or at all events have lost its cutting properties: for the composition, which should consist of sharp cutting angles, wears away as well as the Razor. Besides, the Strop, by being frequently laid down without its case, absorbs all sorts of dust and grit (injurious in the extreme to a smooth edge), and requires occasional scraping, which may be best done by the back of a knife. Light silky beards require a keen, thin, elastic edge: stiff gristy beards, on the contrary, require a stronger edge, with but little elasticity.

Those who have very *thin irritable skins*, I recommend to rub their beards with sweet oil *before lathering*, the alkali will then act on the oil instead of the skin, and assist in producing a more durable lather. Besides, the skin will not then absorb the liquid part of the lather too quickly, as it otherwise does.

Never fail to well wash your beard with soap and cold water, immediately before you apply the lather, of which the more you use the easier you will shave. *Never use warm water*, which makes a tender face. Place the Razor (closed of course) in your pocket, or under your arm, to warm it. In order to shave very clean, it is sometimes necessary to lather and go over your beard a second time. The moment you leave your bed is the best time to shave; always putting your shaving brush away with the lather on it.

The Razor (being only a very fine saw) should be moved in a sloping or sawing direction, holding it *nearly flat* to your face, care being taken to *draw the skin as tight as possible* with the left hand, so as to present an even surface and throw out the beard.

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